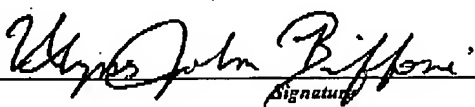


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Large Entity)</b>					Docket No. DAM 581-02 <b>RECEIVED</b> CENTRAL FAX CENTER <b>FEB 22 2008</b>	
In Re Application Of: <b>Cao, Cheng J., et al</b>						
Application No. <b>10/631,224</b>	Filing Date <b>07/28/2003</b>	Examiner <b>Shahnan Shah, Khatol S</b>	Customer No. <b>24211</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1645</b>	Confirmation No. <b>3741</b>	
Invention: <b>Methods for Determining the Presence of Staphylococcal Enterotoxin A Gene in a Sample</b>						
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u><b>08/23/2007</b></u> in the above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>						
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input type="checkbox"/> One month <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months from: <u><b>12/24/2007</b></u> until: <u><b>02/25/2008</b></u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span> <span style="margin-left: 150px;"><i>Date</i></span>						
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$460</b> and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>19-2201</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>19-2201</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. <b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>						
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